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SUBJECT: SOVIET UNTSO OBSERVERS: SYG'S REQUEST TO IRAN TO SERVE
IN UNDOF

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1. FOLLOWING INITIAL APPROACH TO URQUHART ON SOVIET REQUEST
FOR BLANKET EXTENSION OF 25 UNTSO OBSERVERS (REFTEL), WE HAVE
PURSUED MATTER WITH URQUHART'S DEPUTY, F.T. LIU, AND IT NOW
APPEARS SETTLED. SECRETARIAT IS SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO
GEN. LILJESTRAND WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO CONTAINING FOLLOWING
POINTS: A) FURTHER EXTENSIONS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GRANTED
TO ALL 25 USSR OBSERVERS, B) UNTSO TOUR OF DUTY POLICY
SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE APPLIED WITH FLEXIBILITY AS IT HAS BEEN WITH
OTHER UNTSO CONTRIBUTORS, C) IN PRESENT CASE, PERMITTING EXTENSION
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OF ABOUT 12 SOVIET OFFICERS APPEARS REASONABLE, AND D) UNTSO

HEADQUARTERS SHOULD INFORM SOVIETS THAT EXTENSIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT, BUT ARE FOR CURRENT YEAR ONLY IN ORDER TO ALLOW USSR TIME TO TRAIN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICERS.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE SEEMS A FAIR COMPROMISE TO US. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS CONSIDER THAT US HAS MUCH THE BEST OF THE BARGAIN IN UNTSO, SERVING IN MORE IMPORTANT JOBS AND IN MORE COUNTRIES THAN SOVIETS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADDRESSEES' VIEWS IN MONTHS AHEAD AS TO WHETHER SOVIETS ARE MISUSING THEIR SENIORITY IN JOINT PATROLS OR ARE IN OTHER WAYS DERIVING ADVANTAGE FROM THEIR LENGTH OF SERVICE IN AREA.

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3. ON SECOND SUBJECT COVERED REFTEL -- SYG'S REQUEST TO SHAH THAT HE PROVIDE UNDOF CONTINGENT, SECRETARIAT TELLS US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IRANIAN MISSION HAS ON INSTRUCTIONS ASKED UN NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHEN, HOW MANY AND WHAT KIND OF TROOPS ARE NEEDED. IRANIANS STRESSED QUESTIONS WERE PRELIMINARY AND IMPLIED NO DECISIONS, BUT SECRETARIAT IS NEVERTHELESS ENCOURAGED.

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